IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/779943 Confirmation No. 9354

Applicant : Nobuyuki Tatsumi Filed : February 17, 2004

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Examiner : Bobby Ramdhanie

Title : AUTOMATIC SAMPLER AND METHOD FOR RINSING

NEEDLE OF THE SAME

Docket No. : NGB-15306 Customer No. : 040854

AMENDMENT "B"

(In response to Paper No./Mail Date 20080104)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated January 18, 2008. The three month period for responding to the Office action expires on April 18, 2008. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.